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on Specialty Practices, Small Providers, etc.
October 27 and 28, 2009

Registries and Quality Measures Panel

- *Michael Rapp and Daniel Green, Office of Clinical Standards & Quality, CMS*
- *Helen Burstin, National Quality Forum*
- *Fred Edwards, University of Florida*
- *Karen Kmetik, Performance Improvement, American Medical Association*
- *Jon Einbinder, Partners Healthcare*

Michael Rapp, MD, JD, FACEP, is director of the Quality Measurement and Health Assessment Group, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality, at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The group is responsible for evaluating and supporting implementation of quality measurement systems to assess healthcare quality in a broad range of settings, including hospitals, doctor offices, nursing homes, home health agencies, dialysis centers. The group actively works with many stakeholders to promote widespread participation in the quality measurement development and consensus process. Dr. Rapp major leadership responsibilities include the Physician Quality Reporting Initiative, the Electronic Prescribing Reporting Program, Hospital Compare website measures content, measures design of the Hospital Value Based Purchasing Plan, the development of the CARE Post-Acute Assessment Instrument, the QIO 9th Statement of Work Care Transitions Theme, the Better Quality Initiative for Medicare Beneficiaries Pilot Project, the calculation of quality measurement results using Medicare data for Chartered Value Exchanges, and other aspects of CMS's efforts to promote Value Driven Healthcare.

Daniel H. Green, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., Acting Division Director of the Division of Ambulatory Care and Measure Management Medical Officer, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. During his time in private practice, Dr. Green completed a program in the business of medicine, obtained his insurance license and co-developed an electronic medical record. His office is working on PQRI, registry use for reporting quality information, electronic prescribing and health IT/EMR use for quality reporting.

Helen Burstin, MD, MPH is the Senior Vice President for Performance Measures of The National Quality Forum, a private, not-for-profit membership organization established in 1999 to develop and implement a national strategy for healthcare quality measurement and reporting. Dr. Burstin joined NQF in January 2007 and is responsible for the NQF consensus development process and projects related to performance measures and practices.

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Fred H. Edwards, MD, is Professor of Surgery and Medical Director of Cardiothoracic Surgery at the University of Florida/ Shands Jacksonville. He also serves as Chairman of The Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS) National Database. Doctor Edwards has been involved with the STS Database for over 15 years and was appointed Chairman of the database in 2004. He developed the first national risk-adjustment models in cardiac surgery and has had a key role in all subsequent STS risk models. He has published over 120 papers in the peer-reviewed literature, most of which deal with some aspect of quality assessment and outcomes analysis. His present research involves national performance measures in quality assessment and statistical techniques to objectively determine quality.

Karen Kmetik, PhD, is Vice President of Performance Improvement at the American Medical Association (AMA), where she provides strategic leadership for AMA initiatives in health care quality measurement and improvement. She also leads the activities of the AMA-convened Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement® (PCPI) as it continues to develop performance measures, test their effectiveness, advance their integration into health IT and implement them in a variety of programs. Many of these performance measures have been endorsed by the National Quality Forum and used by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in its demonstration projects.

Jonathan S. Einbinder, MD, MPH, Corporate Manager II Quality Data Management, in the Clinical Informatics Research & Development group at Partners HealthCare System. Dr. Einbinder is a graduate of the Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons. After residency training in Internal Medicine at Brigham & Women's Hospital and Harvard Community Health Plan, he completed fellowships in Clinical Computing and General Medicine at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, receiving an MPH degree from the Harvard School of Public Health. Prior to joining Partners, Dr. Einbinder was Assistant Professor in the Department of Health Evaluation Sciences at the University of Virginia, where he directed the Clinical Data Repository project and taught in the Department's Master of Science degree program. He continues to see patients in General Internal Medicine.

Specialists Panel

- *Michael O'Toole, Midwest Heart Specialists (Illinois)*
- *Frank Opelka, Louisiana State University*
- *Albert Strunk, American College of Obstetricians & Gynecology*
- *Peter Paul Yu, Palo Alto Medical Foundation*
- *Harold Pincus, Columbia University*

Michael Francis O'Toole, MD, practices Cardiology in Downers Grove, IL with Midwest Heart Specialists. He is a graduate of Loyola University of Chicago Stritch School of Medicine.

Frank Opelka, MD, FACS, Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs. The Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs at LSU interacts with the other Associate and Assistant Deans with the clinical activities of our faculty being the primary concern. Clinical activities of the faculty are centered in the Charity Hospital system with our primary hospital being the Medical Center of Louisiana in New Orleans (MCLNO).

Albert L. Strunk, JD, MD, FACOG, Deputy Executive Vice-President and Vice-President, Fellowship Activities, The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Dr. Strunk received his law degree from Columbia University and his medical degree from Rutgers University (UMDNJ). He practiced law and, subsequently general obstetrics and gynecology in New Jersey between 1971 and 1997. He taught obstetrics and gynecology as a Clinical Associate Professor at The Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Since 1999 Dr. Strunk has been Vice-President for Fellowship Activities and, since 2008, Deputy Executive Vice-President of The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. He is a Diplomate of The American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Dr. Peter Paul Yu is in clinical practice at the Palo Alto Medical Foundation (PAMF), a multi specialty medical group serving the San Francisco Bay area. Dr. Yu is Director of Cancer Research at PAMF and a member of the Audit Committee of the Cancer and Leukemia Group B (CALGB). He graduated from the combined undergraduate and medical school Program in Medicine at Brown University and trained as Resident and Chief Resident at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Medical Center in New York City.

Harold Alan Pincus, M.D. is Professor and Vice Chair of the Department of Psychiatry at Columbia University and Director of Quality and Outcomes Research at New York Presbyterian Hospital. Dr. Pincus also serves as a Senior Scientist at the RAND Corporation. Previously he was Director of the RAND-University of Pittsburgh Health Institute and Executive Vice Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh, where he still maintains an adjunct professorship.

Underserved and Medicaid Providers Panel

- *Kevin Johnson, Vanderbilt*
- *Thankam Thyvalikakath, University of Pittsburgh*
- *Melinda Jenkins, New York*
- *Andrew Steele, Denver Health*
- *Greg Downing, Office of the Secretary, HHS*

Thankam Thyvalikakth, MS, MDS, BDS, Assistant Professor, Center for Dental Informatics, University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Thamkam is Assistant Professor, Clinical and Translational Science at the University of Pittsburgh. He is a member of the American Association of Dental Research, and a Consultant of the American Dental Association Council on Scientific Affairs. Currently, he is conducting research on Implementation & Evaluation of a Risk Assessment Tool for Periodontal Disease.

Melinda L. Jenkins, Ph.D., MS (nursing), BSN, Consultant, Consumer and Primary Care Informatics. Dr Jenkins is currently a Family Nurse Practitioner and involved in Quality Improvement studies in New York. In addition, she is Coordinator of Consumer Informatics for the Primary Care Information Project at New York's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Previously, she was an Assistant Professor in nursing at both Seton Hall University and Columbia University. She is active in the American Medical Informatics Association, the American Nurses' Association, and CCHIT.

Andrew Steele, M.D., M.P.H., M.Sc. is an Internist at Denver Health in Denver, Colorado. He currently is Director of Medical Informatics at Denver Health and has an appointment as Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine. He has been working in the medical informatics field for the last ten years with an emphasis on cost-effective utilization of computer technology in health care. He currently oversees the computerized clinical system selection, design, and implementation activities for Denver Health, a highly integrated public health care system.

Gregory Downing, D.O., Ph.D. was appointed in March 2006 as Program Director for the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for Personalized Medicine. In this role, he coordinates trans-HHS agency programs for the analysis, planning and implementation of policies and systems to facilitate adoption of Personalized Health Care practices. Prior to his move to HHS, Dr. Downing served at the National Institutes of Health since 1993 in research, policy, and program management roles.

Smaller Providers (Physician Practices and Hospitals) Panel

- *Michael Lardiere, National Association of Community Health Centers*
- *Bonnie Britton, CNO of Roanoke Chowan Community Health Center, North Carolina*
- *Marty Fattig, CEO of Nemaha County Hospital, Nebraska*
- *Willarda Edwards, National Medical Association*

Michael Lardiere, LCSW recently joined the ranks of NACHC staff in the role of Director, Health Information Technology (HIT) and Senior Advisor, Behavioral Health. Lardiere brings to NACHC a wealth of clinical and administrative experience in inpatient, outpatient and managed care settings; as well as an extensive background in the EMR/HIT implementation process.

Bonnie Perry Britton, MSN, RN, Chief Nursing Officer, Roanoke Chowan Community Health Center, North Carolina. Recipient of a number of telehealth grants, she implemented the first home telehealth program in North Carolina in 1997. She was a member of the Board of the American Telemedicine Association, and Vice Chair of the ATA Home Telehealth Special Interest Group.

Marty Fattig has been involved in healthcare for over 30 years. He began his career as a bench medical technologist. He expanded his technical skills to include radiology and electrocardiology. Later on he entered the field of healthcare administration and has served in various capacities including laboratory manager, director of ancillary services and hospital CEO. He has also served as a laboratory consultant and computer systems manager for a regional reference laboratory. He is currently the CEO of Nemaha County Hospital in Auburn, Nebraska.

Willarda V. Edwards, MD, MBA, is president of the National Medical Association (NMA). She is the managing partner and an internist in a partnership in Baltimore, Maryland, and has been in private practice since 1984. Dr Edwards received her medical degree from the University of Maryland School of Medicine and holds a Masters in Business Administration from Loyola College of Baltimore.